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TAX OVERHAUL

All that cash: a business decision

Will corporations' savings go to workers, too, or just investors?

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All those savings anticipated from the sweeping tax reform bill signed into law Friday morning by President Donald Trump shift the spotlight away from Washington and to American businesses already flush with cash and

corporate profits.

As a corporate town, Dallas is a good place to examine how permanent tax cuts for corporations and temporary ones for individuals will flow through the economy. The changes, which go into effect in January, represent the most significant overhaul of America's tax system since the 1980s.

But how will companies share their windfalls? Some worry that corporations will

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Evan Vucci/The Associated Press

President Donald Trump showed off the tax bill, his most significant legislative victory, on Friday after keeping his promise to sign it into law before Christmas.

Trump fast-tracks signing of the bill

News networks questioned whether he'd keep promise

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signed the most consequential tax legislation in three decades on Friday, and he complained that he hadn't been given credit for his administration's accomplishments during a turbulent first year.

Trump decided against doing a formal signing ceremony early next year

because television news networks questioned whether he would keep his promise to sign the legislation before Christmas.

Trump said he saw the coverage Friday morning and hastily called his staff to say that the legislation needed to be signed "now," prompting a last-minute Oval Office ceremony for the president's greatest legislative achievement in his first year in office.

"We did a rush job today," Trump

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DALLAS

Making spirits brighter



Smiley N. Pool/Staff Photographer

Three-year-old Kei'veericky Simmons smiles from his perch on a Target cart. Thanks to Williams Chicken founder Hiawatha Williams and his wife, Doris, the six children of slain Dollar General clerk Gabrielle Monique Simmons got to fill 10 carts with toys and other items Friday.

Do-gooders treat slain store clerk's kids to a Christmas spree

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Gabrielle Simmons' six children wandered the aisles of Target on Friday knowing they could put whatever they wanted in their carts.

A PlayStation. Dolls. Paw Patrol toys. For an afternoon,

every wish was granted.

Nothing could take away the pain of being without their mother this Christmas, but a community's generosity was a welcome distraction.

Simmons, 27, was gunned down Nov. 6 at the southeast Oak Cliff Dollar General where she worked as a

clerk. A boy who was just 15, Dallas police say, walked in and robbed her at gunpoint across the street from her kids' elementary school.

She emptied the register for him. But the robber, whose name was not released because of his age, shot her anyway. The boy who police

say committed the crime is now in juvenile detention.

On Friday, Williams Chicken CEO and founder Hiawatha Williams and his wife, Doris, organized a shopping spree for Simmons' children at a Red Bird Target and urged them to fill their carts with gifts. The couple has

run the restaurant near the family's apartment for three decades.

For about 12 years, customers at various Williams Chicken restaurants have donated spare change around the holidays. The Williams

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UNITED NATIONS

North Korea slapped harder

Security Council OKs new sanctions targeting fuel supplies, currency

FROM WIRE REPORTS

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Friday to place new sanctions on North Korea that are designed to choke off fuel supplies and force North Koreans working overseas to return home.

This set of sanctions, the third imposed this year, may prove the last test of whether any amount of economic pressure can force the isolated country to reverse course on its nuclear weapons program and agree to negotiations, officials say.

The round of sanctions, proposed by the United States, was adopted by a vote of 15-0. China and Russia joined in the vote in an unusual display of unity, but only after the Trump administration agreed to soften a couple of provisions.

Under the new sanctions, the amount of refined petroleum North Korea can import each year is to be cut by 89 percent, exacerbating fuel shortages. Roughly 100,000 North Korean laborers who work in other countries, a critical source of hard currency, are to be expelled within two years. Nations will be urged to inspect all North Korean shipping and to halt ship-to-ship transfers of fuel, which the North has used to evade sanctions.

But the resolution does not permit countries to hail or

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With push from hurricane, family moves to North Texas

Angel Perez and his wife had long considered leaving Puerto Rico to live in North Texas, and Hurricane Maria made them decide to make the move. **1B**

Texas liquor law could make this holiday a dry one

Warning to holiday revelers: Texas law prohibits liquor sales on Sunday and, next week, on Monday. **1B**

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Abbott credits Texas model for cutting unemployment

Texas' jobless rate dropped last month to another low — 3.8 percent — and Gov Greg Abbott credited the state's economic model. **1D**

Bitcoin takes 9.5% hit after being down much further

The digital currency Bitcoin took a wild ride on Friday, dropping as much as 30 percent before settling at a 9.5 percent loss. **1D**

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U.S. plans to provide lethal weapons to Ukraine

The Trump administration has approved a plan to provide lethal weapons to Ukraine, officials say. **8A**

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In year ahead, GOP will need Dems' help to get stuff done

In 2018, Republicans in Congress will need Democratic votes to get almost anything done. **6A**

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Want a calmer home? You might buy some plants

Plants should be seen as necessities, an investment in your health, and not luxuries, horticulturists say. **1E**

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Tech AD still likes what he sees with Kingsbury

Heading into today's Birmingham Bowl, Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury gets a vote of confidence. **1C**